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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Shibuya et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned (Express Mail Label No. EL931636012US)  
[Divisional Application of U.S.S.N. 09/381,850, filed 12/6/99]

Filed: Herewith

For: NOVEL ANILIDE COMPOUNDS AND DRUGS CONTAINING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants kindly ask that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 5-13 without prejudice.


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 and 5-13 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter is presented by virtue of this Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment prior to examination.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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